Gauge conversion of Agra Fort-Kasganj Lucknow rail line

1215. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH:
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SHARMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the railway lines which are under consideration of the Government for gauge conversion in U.P.;

(b) whether Government have any proposal to convert Agrafort-Kasganj-Lucknow metre gauge line into broad gauge during the current financial year 1997-98;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when this gauge conversion is likely to be completed and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Gorakhpur-Gonda loop and Gonda with Anand Nagar-Nautanwa and Gonda-Bahraich MG lines have been included in the Supplementary Budget 1997-98 for conversion into BG.

(b) to (d) Gauge Conversion of Lucknow-Kanpur has already been completed. Kanpur-Kasganj-Mathura and Mathura-Achnera are already sanctioned works, the conversion of which would be completed during the 9th plan. Rs.10 crs. have been provided for this work in the current year.

दिल्ली-सहारनपुर रेलवे लाइन को बड़ी लाइन में परिवर्तित करना

1216. **प्रो॰ राम लखन सिंह वर्मा:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार दिल्ली से सहारनपुर रेल लाइन को बड़ी लाइन में परिवर्तित करने का विचार रखती है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) इस योजना पर कार्य कब से प्रारम्भ कर दिया जायेगा; और

(घ) इस योजना पर कितनी धनराशि आवंटित किये जाने की संभावना है?

रेल मंत्री (श्री राम विलास पासवान): (क) दिल्ली से सहारनपुर तक की रेलवे लाइन पहले ही बड़े आमान की लाइन है।

(ख) से (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Facilities provided to RPF

1217. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether IG of RPF stated that RPF is provided with only outdated weaponry, given a raw deal in respect of sanction of other facilities, not granted the use of CCTV in Railway Zones marshalling yards, not provided with proper uniforms, shoes etc.;

(b) if so, what are the facts in this regard; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) There is a news item appearing in "News times" (Hyderabad) dated 2.6.97 in this regard.

(b) and (c) The matter is under examination.

Revamping of Railway Protection Force

1218. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statement of IG of RPF and Chief Security Commissioner of S.E. Railway with regard to the condition of Rialway Protection Force;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) what remedial action Government are contemplating to revamp RPF?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir. There is a news item appearing